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YANGON, 13 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, on his re-election as the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.—MNA

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(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 5/2005)
(The 11th Waxing Day of Tawthalin, 1367, M.E.)
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The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

Chapter I
Title, Jurisdiction and Definition
1. This Law shall be called the Anti Trafficking in Persons Law.
2. This Law shall have jurisdiction on any person who commits any offence cognizable under this Law in the Union of Myanmar, or on board a vessel or an aircraft registered under the existing law of the Union of Myanmar, or on a Myanmar citizen or foreigner residing permanently in the Union of Myanmar who commits the said offence outside the country.
3. The expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given here under:-

(a)  **Trafficking in Persons** means recruitment, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase, lending, hiring, harbouring or receipt of persons after committing any of the following acts for the purpose of exploitation of a person with or without his consent:
(1) threat, use of force or other form of coercion;
(2) abduction;
(3) fraud;
(4) deception;
(5) abuse of power or of position taking advantage of the vulnerability of a person;
(6) giving or receiving of money or benefit to obtain the consent of the person having control over another person.

Explanation

(1) **Exploitation** includes receipt or agreement for receipt of money or benefit for the prostitution of one person by another, other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced service, slavery, servitude, debt-bondage or the removal and sale of organs from the body.

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Bala Min Htin Bridge on Ayeyarwady River in Kachin State seen on 11-9-2005. (Arrangements are being made to build retaining wall to prevent bank erosion.)

(News on Page 16) — MNA

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Chinese President concludes Canada visit

TORONTO (Canada), 12 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao left here Sunday after a state visit to Canada, and is flying to Mexico City to pay a state visit to Mexico as a guest of Mexican President Vicente Fox.

Hu started his state visit to Canada on Thursday, landing in Canada’s capital city of Ottawa, where he met with Canadian Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson and lawmakers, and held talks with Prime Minister Paul Martin.

During the talks between Hu and Martin on Friday, China and Canada agreed to build a strategic partnership aimed at promoting the long-term and steady development of bilateral relations.

The two sides also agreed to make joint efforts to raise bilateral trade volume from 15.5 billion US dollars in 2004 to 30 billion US dollars by 2010. To realize the goals, Hu said both sides should further open their markets to expand bilateral trade; increase two-way investment in infrastructure, energy, environmental protection, agriculture and telecommunications in particular; strengthen cooperation in energy resources; and create better conditions to facilitate business activities of enterprises from both countries.

Hu said the enhancement of Sino-Canadian friendly and cooperative relations constitutes an important component of Chinese foreign policy. China will work with Canada to push for new achievements in the development of bilateral ties.

Martin said China is playing an increasingly important role in international affairs and China's development brings great opportunities for Canada.

The Canadian Government will work with the Chinese to deepen bilateral cooperation in politics, economy, trade, science, technology, energy resources, agriculture and international affairs, said Martin.

Hu and Martin also witnessed the signing of a series of cooperation documents between the two sides concerning air transportation, railways, food security, quarantine, nuclear energy and health research.

In Toronto, the business hub of Canada, Hu met with local officials and delivered a speech at a China-Canada trade forum dinner.

He's visit to Canada, the first stop on his current North American tour, is the first visit here by a Chinese head of state in eight years.

After a state visit to Mexico, Hu will attend the United Nations summit marking the world body's 60th anniversary in New York, and visit the Canadian city of Vancouver on his way back to Beijing.

China and Canada will work together to develop their friendship and cooperative relations, Hu said.

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Hong Kong Disneyland opens

HONG KONG, 12 Sept — Hong Kong Disneyland, the 11th theme park of Walt Disney Co, officially opened here on Monday morning.

Chinese Vice-Presi- dent Zeng Qinghong, Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, chief executive of Hong Kong Special Adminis-

Jagger ‘shocked’ by Blair over Iraq

Madrid, 13 Sept — Rolling Stones superstar Mick Jagger said he was “shocked” by British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s attitude toward Iraq and doubts whether the legendary rock and roll band will one day perform in Baghdad.

At the time of the Iraq invasion, “I was ambivalent: getting rid of Saddam Hussein was a gift for humanity and I thought that there was a coherent plan to put Iraq back on its feet,” he said in an interview with ‘El Pais Semanal’ magazine on Sunday.

But the sexagenarian rock legend referred to a Downing Street memo-
randum in July 2002, saying it“shocked me to know that Blair already knew that the weapons of mass destruction were simply an excuse and that there was nothing planned for the day after” the invasion.

“I doubt that the Stones will ever perform in Baghdad,” the lead singer of the Rolling Stones, which is currently on its 31st world tour, told the magazine.

Jagger also denounced the US-led military coalition in Iraq for conducting what he described as a war to defend a regime which does not seem very concerned about the rights of women and minorities.

“If we do not take intelligent steps, a part of Iraq will end up becoming an Islamic republic, a puppet of Teheran,” he added.

The Stones’ new album “A Bigger Band”, which came out on 6 September, takes a swipe at US President George W Bush and his neo-conserva-
tive supporters in the song, “Sweet Neo Con” — Internet

German aid plane denied entry into US

BERLIN, 12 Sept — A German Air Force plane loaded with 15 tons worth of ready-to-eat meals earmarked for flood victims in New Orleans was refused entry into the United States last week, a govern-

Iran not to suspend nuclear activities

TEHERAN, 12 Sept — Iran refused to fully suspend its nuclear activities in Isfahan nuclear plant and threatens to go into negotiations with the EU if precondi-
tions are set, its Foreign Minister said on Sunday.

Speaking at a news conference, Iranian Foreign Minister Manucher Mottaki termed re-suspending Iran’s nuclear activities at its Isfahan uranium processing plant as “out of the question”.

He also threatened not to resume talks with the European Union if any precondition is set.

The nuclear negotiations between the Islamic republic and the EU, represented by the big three of Britain, France and Germany, were stalled after Teheran resumed its suspended nuclear activities in August.

This move by Iran triggered outcry from the EU and the United States, which urged to refer Iran’s nuclear case to the Security Council for possible sanctions. However, Mottaki brushed aside the threat at the news conference.

Iran will not deterred by a referral to the UN Security Council, he said, adding such a referral will incur “consequences” — MNA/Reuters

Iraqi soldiers man an observation post in the northern Iraq town of Tal Afar on 11 September, 2005. —Internet
Russia ignores appeal to refer Iran to UNSC

Moscow, 12 Sept—Moscow rejected on Saturday the appeals from the United States and other Western countries to support an initiative to submit Iran's nuclear problem to the UN Security Council, the Interfax news agency reported.

"We see no reason to refer the matter, which the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is currently dealing with intensively and productively, to the UN Security Council," Maria Zakharova, spokeswoman for the Russian mission to the United Nations, told Interfax by telephone from New York.

The Iranian nuclear problem can be resolved only when Iran comes to "complete" cooperation and fulfills resolutions of the IAEA Board of Governors, according to the spokeswoman.

Russia expects that a planned session of the IAEA Board of Governors on September 19 will hold a detailed debate on a report by IAEA head Mohamed al-Baradei and set guidelines for solving the remaining problems, Zakharova was quoted as saying.

In her view, the report prepared by al-Baradei "lays a good basis for further removing the political dimension from the work done within the IAEA framework for the earliest possible resolution of this problem," said Interfax.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Yakovenko repeated Moscow's objections on Friday to referring the Iranian nuclear problem to the UN Security Council, warning against "hasty steps" in the growing crisis over Iran's nuclear programme. —MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam produces its first hydroplanes

HANOI, 12 Sept—Vietnam has turned out its first hydroplanes with selling price of less than two billion Vietnamese dong (some 126,000 US dollar) per unit.

The A41 Factory under the Air Force and Air Defence Department has just produced three hydroplanes which can carry 3-4 people, and fly at a speed of 120-135 kilometres per hour at a maximum height of three kilometres. The aircraft with the length of roughly seven metres is equipped with two Austrian 65-horse power engines which consume 38-44 litres of A92 petrol each hour.

The factory said it will shortly produce four VNS-41 with new enhancements. The proportion of locally-made parts in the hydroplanes is 70 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

Syria rejects US charges on Iraq

DAMASCUS, 12 Sept—Syria has rejected US accusations that it allows fighters to sneak into Iraq, saying Washington's "threat" of using force was part of relentless pressure on Damascus.

"It is regrettable that such language should come from the ambassador of a great power who is supposed to show more submission to the norms of international relations," Syrian Information Minister Mahdi Dakhilallah said on Monday.

The US ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, fired a strong warning to Syria earlier during the day over help that Washington accuses the Damascus government of giving to radical groups in Iraq.

"Our patience is running out with Syria," Khalilzad told a press conference in Washington. When asked how the United States could respond, he said "all options are on the table", including military.

"I would not like to elaborate more, they should understand what I mean," he added.

"There is a threat of aggression there, and a style which is reminiscent of colonial eras and cold and hot wars," Dakhilallah retorted.

"Moreover, there are old, groundless accusations relating to the Iraqi-Syrian borders," he said. —Internet

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Local officials check and help to evacuate villagers upon the arrival of Typhoon Khanun in Taizhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 11 September, 2005. —INTERNET

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Khanun kills at least seven in East China

BEIJING, 12 Sept—A typhoon ploughed into China south of Shanghai, killing at least seven people, forcing the evacuation of more than a million and driving thousands of ships to port before weakening on Monday.

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China’s growing electronic commerce sector has been a boon to the country’s increasingly utilitarian urban public, which is reminiscent of colonial eras and cold and hot wars. —MNA/Xinhua

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EU, US face uphill battle on Iran at IAEA

BERLIN, 12 Sept — A joint EU and US effort to refer Iran to the UN Security Council over a suspected nuclear weapons programme is meeting fierce resistance from some members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), diplomats say.

More than half a dozen countries on the IAEA's 35-nation governing board, which meets on September 19, believe there is no justification for a referral, they said.

"I think unanimity may be impossible," one European diplomat told Reuters, "Pakistan and Brazil have basically given us a definitive 'no.' " Several other countries will also be difficult to convince.

"China and Russia will be difficult," another EU diplomat said, adding that without Beijing and Moscow the plan to ratchet up the pressure on Teheran might fail.

The United States and the European Union want the IAEA to refer Iran to the Security Council after it resumed uranium processing at its Isfahan plant last month, effectively ending talks with the EU on giving up its nuclear programme.

European officials say they would not immediately ask the Council to impose sanctions, but want it to demand that Iran reframe its programme and resume talks with Britain, France and Germany, which are negotiating on behalf of the EU.

Iran is lobbying many of the same countries. Teheran says that since its suspension was voluntary, resumption of work is not grounds for a referral, an argument many states agree with.

Although much of the diplomacy is taking place quietly behind the scenes, several influential US congressmen warned last week that a new US-India nuclear agreement was at risk if New Delhi opposed the referral.

Diplomats said it would be all right if Pakistan, Brazil and a few others voted against a referral, but support of political heavyweights China and Russia, which have vetoes on the 15-member Security Council, would be crucial. — MNA/Reuters

New tape threatens attacks on Los Angeles, Melbourne

WASHINGTON, 12 Sept — A videotape televised on Sunday purportedly from a US-member of al-Qaeda threatened Los Angeles and Melbourne, Australia, on the fourth anniversary of the 11 September attacks.

ABC News said it had received the video in Pakistan. It reported the masked speaker appears to be Adam Gadahn, from southern California, who threatens attacks on the two cities, "Allah willing," and warns that the attackers will show no compassion.


"We love peace, but peace on our terms," the speaker said. Gadahn was believed to have been the young American who appeared in another threatening tape about year ago.

ABC said the young man apparently converted to Islam at an Orange County, California, mosque as a teen-ager. — MNA/Reuters

Ellsberg compares Vietnam, Iraq

DES MOINES, 12 Sept — The former military analyst who leaked the Pentagon Papers says the nation's leaders plan on staying in Iraq permanently, but the people who have the proof aren't willing to share it.

Daniel Ellsberg says President Bush aims to keep bases in Iraq, and that the American public was lied to when the country entered the war.

He urged those with access to the sensitive information to share it, saying there are both rewards and potential backlash for whistleblowers. He says they may go to prison, but they may save a wars worth of lives.

The Pentagon Papers, as the documents came to be known, was a seven-thousand-page study of the US decision-making in Vietnam that was classified top secret.

The study revealed the knowledge, early on, that the war would not likely be won.

Ellsberg, an employee of Rand Corporation in 1969, photocopied the classified study and released it to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and later 20 different newspapers. — Internet

Lawmen clean up New Orleans but crime fears spread

BATON ROUGE (Louisiana), 12 Sept — Law enforcers say they are in control of the streets of New Orleans since looting and violence erupted after Hurricane Katrina, but in nearby Baton Rouge gun sales are rising and residents fear their city will become the new crime capital of the South.

Even before the hurricane, parts of New Orleans were known for their mean streets, where a largely Black population struggled with crime, drugs and poverty.

So it was not surprising, says US Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Jim Letten, that criminals took advantage of Hurricane Katrina to prey on stranded survivors as they waited to evacuate.

Known as the crime capital of the South, New Orleans had the highest number of homicides per capita in the United States, Letten said.

The confirmed death count from the 29 August storm, which has displaced a million people, was far lower than initial projections that ran into the thousands.

"We didn't lose as many lives as had been predicted although we're still in the process of finding those we lost," said Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco.

The search for the dead — and perhaps some victims still alive and trapped — went on in the now largely deserted city that was home to 450,000 people before Katrina.

A Reuters reporter who accompanied members of the Oklahoma National Guard in a middle-class residential area saw soldiers breaking down doors.

The water in that area had once stood seven feet deep but had now receded, leaving a layer of stinking sludge. Soldiers were stumbling out of houses coughing and choking from the overwhelming stench.

"Oh, it's bad in there," said Specialist Bobby Cunningham as he came out of one home.

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"Katrina" official death toll climbs over 400

NEW ORLEANS, 12 Sept — The official death toll from Hurricane Katrina climbed past 400 on Sunday as President George W Bush arrived in beleaguered New Orleans, where soldiers were breaking into flooded houses looking for bodies.

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An Indian worker plucks tea leaves at Ghatam tea garden estate on the outskirts of northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 12 September, 2005. India is one of the top tea producers in the world. — INTERNET

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The "crime culture in New Orleans is fuelled by drugs and poverty and an absence of everything from education to family structure," he told Reuters. 

But as the Big Easy has been emptied, some criminal elements remain.

Still, Letten and agents for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said police and military forces were in full control of New Orleans streets and had booked 259 suspects at a temporary jail that was once a Greyhound bus station. — MNA/Reuters

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(b) in preventing and suppressing trafficking in persons to pay par- ticular attention to women, children and youth;
(c) to enable effective and speedy investigation to expose and take action against persons guilty of trafficking in persons and to pre- vent further trafficking in persons by passing effective and de- terrent punishment;
(d) to liaise and coordinate with international organizations, regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations formed between governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in accordance with the international conventions relating to sup- pression of trafficking in persons which Myanmar has acceded;
(e) to perform effectively the functions of rescuing, receiving, safe- guarding, rehabilitation and reintegration into society of traf- ficked persons.

Chapter III
Formation of the Central Body and Functions and Duties Thereof

5. (a) The Government shall form the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons comprising the Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs as the Chairman, the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Deputy At- torney General as Deputy Chairman, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force as Secretary and suitable persons from among the following as members:
(1) heads of relevant government departments and organizations;
(2) representatives from the non-governmental organizations;
(3) relevant experts;
(b) The Chairman of the Central Body may if necessary assign a suitable person from among the members as the Joint Secretary.
6. The functions and duties of the Central Body are as follows:

(a) submitting suggestions to the Government for laying down a State policy and working programmed relating to suppression of trafficking in persons;
(b) forming the required working groups to implement its functions and duties and determining the functions and duties thereof;
(c) forming the different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and determining the functions and duties thereof;
(d) forming the bodies comprising experts to perform research works for carrying out suppression of trafficking in persons effectively and assigning duty thereto and supervising thereof;
(e) forming sector-wise Monitoring and Evaluation Team comprising experts and assigning duty thereto to obtain the necessary substantive data relating to suppression of traf- ficking in persons;
(f) laying down the necessary arrangements for the relief, resettlement, rehabilitation, and reintegration into the mainstream of society for the trafficked victims;
(g) communicating and coordinating with international organiza- tions, foreign States, local and foreign non-governmental organi- zations, and obtaining assistance for work relating to suppres- sion of trafficking in persons, protection and rendering assist- ance, resettlement and rehabilitation;
(h) directing as may be necessary to seize immoveable properties involved in an offence under this Law as exhibit;
(i) directing when necessary the attachment and sealing of immov- able properties involved in the offence, which have been seized as exhibits; in prosecuted offence, disposal as may be necessary in accordance with the final order of the relevant Court;
(j) reporting to the Government from time to time the implementa- tion activities under this Law;
(k) carrying out functions and duties relating to suppression of traf- ficking in persons assigned by the Government from time to time.

7. The Central Body shall form the following working groups comprising suitable persons and may form other required working groups to carry out the implementation of the suppression of trafficking in persons:

(a) Working Group on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Pro- tection of Trafficked Victims, headed by the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs;
(b) Working Group on Legal Framework and Prosecuting Mea- sures headed by the Deputy Attorney General;
(c) Working Group on Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilita- tion of Trafficked Victims, headed by the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Chapter IV
Functions and Duties of the Working Groups

8. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Trafficked Victims are as follows:

(a) forming Sub-Working Groups to carry out effectively the pre- vention of trafficking in persons according to schemes approved by the Central Body;
(b) performing effectively works relating to educating and publica- tion of the danger of trafficking and evil consequences to the people for the prevention of trafficking in persons;
(c) sharing information by laying down the prevention of traffick- ing in persons programmes, communicating and exchanging news with domestic and foreign network;
(d) communicating and coordinating with different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township bodies on suppression of traf- ficking in persons;
(e) supervising the set-up of specially trained force for the preven- tion of trafficking in persons, speedy and effective investigation and exposure;

(See page 7)
9. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Legal Framework and Prosecuting Measures are as follows:

(a) drafting and submitting to the Central Body the necessary draft of the rules, procedures, notifications, orders and directives for the determination of security status of related information of trafficked victims for the dignity and security and identification of trafficked victims, in respect of the prevention of trafficking in persons;

(b) coordinating with the relevant prosecution bodies to impose effective and severe punishment upon the persons who have committted the offence of trafficking in persons and to prosecute with valid evidence in accordance with law;

(c) laying down and carrying out necessary arrangements for the effective protection of trafficked victims and witnesses in prosecution cases under this Law;

(d) submitting to the Central Body, in respect of the commission of trafficking in persons offence as transnational organized crime, if necessary, to give assistance or to obtain assistance between States;

(e) communicating and coordinating with the different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for suppression of trafficking in persons;

(f) implementing by laying down the training programme and enhancing skills programmes in order to take effective action under this Law;

(g) obtaining assistance of relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations to enable the effective implementation of this Law;

(h) carrying out other functions and duties assigned by the Central Body.

10. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Victims are as follows:

(a) coordinating and cooperating with relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the repatriation of the trafficked victims, to their native place, enquiring the circumstances of the relevant family, medical examination of trafficked victims with their consent, consolation and education and other necessary assistance;

(b) laying down schemes and implementing to get the vocational education based on the education and technical knowledge and to get employment opportunities for the rehabilitation of trafficked victims;

(c) communicating and coordinating with different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons;

(d) arranging to enable utilization from the rehabilitation fund established under this Law for the suppression of trafficking in persons and protection of trafficked victims, in carrying out the rehabilitation works for the trafficked victims;

(e) obtaining assistance of the relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the effective implementation of this Law;

(f) carrying out other functions and duties assigned by the Central Body.

Chapter V

Safeguarding the Rights of Trafficked Victims

11. In order not to adversely affect the dignity of the trafficked victims:

(a) if the trafficked victims are women, children and youth, the relevant Court shall, in conducting the trial of offences of trafficking in persons, do so not in open Court, but in camera for the preservation of their dignity, physical and mental security.

(b) with respect to trafficking in persons, the publication of news at any stage of investigation, prosecution, adjudication shall be made only after obtaining the permission of the relevant Body for the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Body.

(c) person not involved in this case shall not be allowed to peruse or make copies of documents contained in the proceedings.

12. The Central Body shall, if the trafficked victims are women, children and youth, make necessary arrangements for the preservation of dignity, physical and mental security.

13. The Central Body:

(a) shall not take action against the trafficked victims for any offence under this Law.

(b) shall determine whether or not it is appropriate to take action against the trafficked victims for any other offence arising as a direct consequence of trafficking in persons.

(c) shall, if the trafficked person who re-entered the country has a right of permanent residence, protect his right to permanent residence, security and relevant status.

14. The Central Body shall arrange and carry out for the security of life of trafficked victims and to arrange according to their wishes for repatriation and resettlement as much as possible.

15. The Central Body shall in the prosecution of a person guilty of trafficking in persons coordinate with the relevant Ministries for the temporary residence in Myanmar and repatriation to the relevant State of the trafficked victim who is a foreigner, after giving the testimony.

Chapter VI

Special Protection of Trafficked Victims, Women, Children and Youth

16. The Central Body and relevant Working Groups shall, with respect to the trafficked victims who are women, children and youth:

(a) give special protection of their dignity and identification and necessary security and assistance.

(b) carry out to send them back to their parents or guardian if after scrutiny it is found that it is the best condition for them.

(c) arrange other suitable and secure protection when there is no condition for repatriation to the parents and guardian or inapropriate condition for repatriation.

(d) arrange with emphasis on freedom of expression of their desire and freedom of choice according to their age and maturity.

(e) carry out with special arrangement for remedy of their physical and mental damage, giving vocational education based upon education and technique and medical examination and medical treatment with their consent.

(f) give protection by keeping confidential the information relating to them.

17. The Central Body shall lay down and carry out programmes of security and other protection for the trafficked victims women, children and youth during the period of prosecution of persons guilty of any offence of trafficking in persons under this Law or during the period of instituting a suit for compensation for tort by the trafficked victim for the trafficking in persons.

18. The Central Body shall lay down and carry out the programmes to conduct necessary training courses for persons performing the functions and duties relating to the protection of trafficked victims especially women, children and youth.

Chapter VII

Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation

19. The Central Body shall, after coordination with the relevant departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the repatriation of trafficked victims, reintegration into the mainstream of the society resettlement and rehabilitation the trafficked victims carry out as follows:

(a) arranging and carrying out necessary coordination for the repatriation of the trafficked victims;

(b) arranging the temporary shelter at a safe place or appropriate house for the trafficked victims;

(c) rehabilitating the social aspects of trafficking in Persons;

(d) hiring a lawyer if necessary in a suit instituted by the trafficked victim for his/her grievance, requesting the Office of the Attorney General for a Law Officer to conduct in the case or assisting in hearing with interpreter;

(e) laying down the security programmes and arranging for other rights entitled while the trafficked victims are giving testimony or contesting a case;

(f) arranging medical examination and giving medical treatment with the consent of the trafficked victims;

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Chapter VIII
Establishment of the Fund
22. The Central Body shall:
   (a) establish a fund with money supported by the State and money donated from local and foreign sources;
   (b) accept and administer the property supported by the State and money donated from local and foreign sources.
23. The Central Body shall:
   (a) in coordination with the Auditor General’s Office determine the procedures relating to the maintenance of the fund and the administration of the property supported and donated.
   (b) keep the functions under sub-section (a) in accordance with the procedures and shall submit to the inspection by the person assigned by the Auditor General.

Chapter IX
Offences and Penalties
24. Whoever is guilty of trafficking in persons especially women, children and youth shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine.
25. Whoever is guilty of trafficking in persons other than women, children and youth shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 10 years and may also be liable to a fine.
26. Whoever is guilty of any of the following acts shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine:
   (a) adopting or marrying fraudulently for the purpose of committing trafficking in persons.
   (b) causing obtaining unlawfully the necessary documentary evidence documents or seal for enabling a trafficked victim to depart from the country or enter into the country.
27. Whoever is guilty of making use or arranging with a trafficked victim for the purpose of pornography shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 10 years and may also be liable to a fine.
28. Whoever:
   (a) is guilty of trafficking in persons with organized criminal group as provided in section 24 shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 20 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine;
   (b) is guilty of trafficking in persons with organized criminal group as provided in sections 25, 26 or 27 shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine;
   (c) is found to be a member of an organized criminal group shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment under sub-section (a) or subsection (b) whether he has personally taken part or not in the commission of the offence.
29. Whoever is also guilty of a serious crime provided in sub-section (e) of section 3, in committing trafficking in persons shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life or death sentence.
30. Any public official who demands or accepts money and property as gratification either for himself or for another person in carrying out investigation, prosecution and adjudication in respect of any offence under this Law shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of 7 years and may also be liable to a fine.
31. Whoever is guilty of any offence provided in this Law shall, after a prior conviction for the same offence be liable to the maximum punishment provided for such subsequent offence.
32. Whoever prepares, attempts, conspires, organizes, administers or abets, or provides financial assistance to commit or in commission of any such offence shall be liable to the punishment provided in this Law for such offence.
33. The Court shall, in passing a sentence for any offence provided in this Law, pass an order for confiscation or disposal in accordance with the stipulations of the property involved in the offence, which have been seized as exhibits. It may pass an order to pay damages to the trafficked victim from the money confiscated or from the proceeds of sale of property or from the fine.

Chapter X
Miscellaneous
34. If an exhibit involved in any offence prosecuted under this Law is not easily producible before the Court, such exhibit need not be produced before the Court. However, a report or other relevant documentary evidence as to the manner of custody of the same may be submitted. Such submission shall be deemed as if it were a submission of the exhibit before the Court and the relevant Court shall pass an order for disposal of the same in accordance with this Law.
35. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall form the Staff Office as may be necessary in accordance with the stipulations for the purpose of assistance in carrying out the functions and duties of the Central Body.
36. Notwithstanding anything provided in any existing Laws, action shall be taken only under this Law on offences relating to trafficking in persons.
37. In prosecuting any offence under this Law, prior sanction of the Central Body or any Body assigned by the Central Body shall be obtained.
38. In implementing the provisions contained in this Law:
   (a) the Ministry of Home Affairs may with the approval of the Government, issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary.
   (b) the Central Body and the relevant Ministries may issue notifications, orders and directives, and the Director General may issue such orders and directives as may be necessary.

(Sd) Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman
The State Peace and Development Council
Kachin State has prospects...

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Phakant. It is expected that 1000 acres of land will be reclaimed in Naungmi region in Phakant; 1,000 acres in Kamai region; 3,000 acres in Mongkun region in Tanai Township and 1,000 acres in Mansaykun region in Putao Township in 2005-2006. Regarding rubber cultivation, there were 6621 acres of rubber in 2004-2005 and now the total number of rubber plantation acres reaches 7,063 acres.

The commander also reported on trade, economic development in the state and education, health, social and transportation sectors of the state. Officials concerned gave supplementary reports.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs and made an address. He said Kachin State is the northernmost state in Myanmar and many national races live in the state through thick and thin. During his tour of Kachin State in April, 1995, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on development of Kachin State. In his guidance he said that Kachin State lagged behind in development because of the lack of peace and tranquility in the region in the past. Now, the state is at peace and it is time to make efforts for regional development with added momentum using natural resources in the state, the Head of State added.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint continued to say that he was there to assess the development tasks and to provide assistance for the tasks. Officials required to put all their energy into regional development tasks. In Kachin State, there has been food enough since 1998. In view of the increasing population in the region, extended cultivation has been carried out in the state.

As regards the perennial crop cultivation, officials concerned are to provide necessary assistance to farmers for rubber cultivation. Only then, will local residents have job opportunities and their socio-economic life will be improved, he concluded. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Myitkyina-Tanphyaye-Sumparabwam-Putao road construction project being implemented by Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd. At the briefing hall, responsible officials reported on tarring of Myitkyina-Tanphyaye road section and road works of Bhamo-Myitkyina road section. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged officials to construct the road meeting the standards of all weather-road and to complete the construction in time.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected progress of upgrading of Myitkyina-Tanphyaye (Myitsone) road section. On arrival at the research and rubber farm in Naungnan Village, Myitkyina Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by officials on facts about the farm. Officials from the Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance for the farm and local farmers, saying that almost all of the industries, machines and household goods used worldwide need rubber. So, the demand of rubber is getting higher day by day. Rubber fetches a lot of foreign exchange for the nation. Blessed with favourable conditions, Kachin State has prospects to run rubber farming on a commercial scale.

The region once grew rubber. He stressed the importance of growing rubber on the vacant lands across the nation and in areas where paddy does not thrive.

He called for growing rubber on a wider scale by putting hundreds of thousands of acres under rubber in Kachin State.

The rubber farming realizes income all-year round and generates job opportunities for local residents. He pledged that the State will render necessary assistance for national entrepreneurs to run rubber farming in the region.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the rubber plantations in the farm and left instructions.

Together with Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed the upgrading of Myitkyina-Tanphyaye (Myitsone) road section and gave instructions on meeting standards set.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving rubber farms of local farmers there.

They proceeded to Bala Min Hun Bridge Project across Ayeyawady River. Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Thet of Bridge Special Group-15 reported on tasks for maintenance of the facility, arrangements for construction of a 300-foot-long retaining wall for prevention of bank erosion, and erection of piles Nos 2 and 3. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials at all levels to constantly supervise the tasks for durability of the facility, one of the major bridges of the State.

He viewed the bridge and the flow of water in the river. They visited 420 acres of monsoon paddy fields of local farmers in Tatkonwin Ward, Myitkyina, and made suggestions.

Now, Kachin state is at peace and it is time to make efforts for regional development with added momentum using natural resources in the state.

USDA CEC Member inspects regional development tasks in Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 13 Sept — The visiting Bangladeshi delegation led by Commodore Khondker Moyeenuddin Ahmed (G), ndc, psc, BN visited Defence Services Institute of Medicine in Mingaladon township.

Afterwards, the delegation members proceeded to Hlaingthaya Industrial Zone where they were briefed by officials on facts about the zone. Next, they studied Khine Wood-based Factory and production of furniture. The guests also visited Far Sun Mould and Die Factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

Later, the Bangladeshi delegation members visited Defence Services Institute of Medicine in Mingaladon township. Rector Brig-Gen Min Thein extended instructions on meeting standards set.

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Taninthayi Division and gave instructions on regional development.

After that, the minister proceeded to Basic Education High School in Taninthayi where he met departmental officials, town elders, USDA members and social organizations and local people at Tanlamwut Village Primary School in Taninthayi Township, Taninthayi Division and gave importance for them to take part in regional development tasks and the drive for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation.

Next, the Secretary of Taninthayi Division USDA and the Chairman of Township PDC reported on measures being taken for development of education, health and social sectors of the division and future tasks to the (See page 15)
Development of public health sector key point to development of health sector
Myanmar will continue to make efforts for improvement of public health

Myanmar carrying out preventive measures against infectious diseases systematically

BURMA'S ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY:

**Economic cooperation discussed**

YANGON, 13 Sept — President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint received Bangladeshi Ambassador HE M Khairuzzaman and Commercial Attaché Mr Aftabuzzaman today. They discussed matters relating to economic cooperation between the two countries. MNA

**Government is making plans for development of public health and drawing syllabus for establishment of Public Health University.**

**Only when the public health develops will health care services in rural areas improve.**

**Public Health includes preventive measures, treatment and health education.**
YANGON, 13 Sept — The final examination of the first batch of University of Distance Education for 2005 academic year will be held from 3 to 10 October 2005 at the Dagon University, Yangon Eastern University, Mawlamyine University, Pathein University, Sittway University, Pyay University, Dawei University, Taungoo University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myeik University, Yangon Western University, Maubin University and Bago Degree College.

First, second and third year students majoring in science of Dagon University, East Division (Yangon East University), West Division (Yangon West University), and respective divisions of UDE are to take the exam at the universities and Degree Colleges concerned.

Details of the announcement will be posted at the respective divisions of UDE.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Sept — Talks on general knowledge organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation were held in conjunction with a ceremony to present membership applications to the MWAF yesterday at the Prisons Department here.

First, Head of the organization department of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation wife of the minister for Home Affairs Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented MWAF membership certificates to staff families of the Prisons Department.

Afterwards, Writer Dr Ma Tin Win and Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gave talks on implementation of nation-building tasks with women’s strength.

It was also attended by wife of the deputy minister for Home Affairs Daw San San Wai, staff families of the Prisons Department, representatives of Yangon North District Women’s Affairs Organization and Union Solidarity and Development Association totalling 600.

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Exclusive school bus service to begin in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 12 Sept—An islandwide bus service exclusively for school children will be launched on Monday by the Sri Lanka National Transport Commission (NTC) to ensure the safe and economical transportation of school children, the Daily News reported Monday.

NTC Deputy Director Vipula Hewawalimuni said that the special bus service will be jointly carried out by the Central Transport Board and private bus operators.

“The service will commence on 180 routes in the Western, Wayamba and Southern Provinces and then expand to other parts of the country,” he said. “It will be available to school children at half the regular bus fare. Only students and school teachers will be able to use this service,” he said.

Hewawalimuni said special committees comprising students, teachers and parents have already been set up in each school to monitor the operation of the bus service.

China cultivates record high-yield super rice

KUNMING, 12 Sept—Chinese agronomists have cultivated new species of “super rice”, the first of its kind, in Yunnan, with average per hectare yield reaching a record high of 18,449.55 kilogrammes.

The figure broke the record set in 2004 which witnessed per hectare yield of 18,298.5 kilogrammes, setting a new world record in the per-unit rice yield, said Shi Changjin, group leader of the super rice acceptance test.

Experts from the China Rice Research Institute, Yunnan Agricultural University and the Yunnan Provincial Academy of Agriculture conducted on-spot acceptance check on Saturday over harvest of the super rice.

Indonesian jet makes emergency landing due to navigation problems

JAKARTA, 13 Sept—A Boeing’s MD-80 passenger plane with more than 130 people onboard made an emergency landing on Indonesia’s West Sumatra Province on Monday due to navigation problems.

The plane landed at the Air Force’s Tabing Airport which is located only 15 kilometres from its original destination of Minagakabau Airport in the provincial capital of Padang, reported the Detikcom online news service.

“The landing is forced by navigation problems. It’s most likely that one of the passengers used cell phone during the flight,” Yohannes, a staff with airport operator Angkasa Pura, was quoted as saying.

The plane belongs to local budget carrier Wings Air. When contacted separately, Wings Air spokesman Hasyim Arsal Al-Habsy said the IW-8730 made a stopover at the Tabing Airport due to bad weather, denying an emergency landing.
France says Britain's debate on EU farm reform "absurd"

LONDON, 12 Sept — France said on Sunday Britain's call to reduce Europe's lavish farming subsidies leaves London isolated in the 25-nation bloc and the debate that it has sparked on a new reform is absurd.

"This is not about a debate between France and Britain, this is about a British position that is different to that of all other European countries," French Agriculture Minister Dominique Busseureau told reporters. "The debate on changing something again that has just been changed is absurd," he said, referring to European Union Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reforms agreed in 2003 by EU farm ministers after marathon negotiations.

Britain blocked a deal on the EU’s 2007-2013 budget at an acrimonious summit last June by demanding a commitment to more farm subsidy reform in return for curbing its annual rebate from the bloc — worth 5.3 billion euros (6.6 billion US dollars) last year.

Busseureau said it is ready to accept curbs on its rebate and pay its full share of the EU agriculture and environment ministers. "It is a matter for long-term discussion by member states as a whole."

So far, apart from stirring up a heated debate on how the CAP may be reformed in the future, Britain has failed to submit any concrete ideas on how to cut subsidies.

"I haven't heard anything," EU Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel told reporters, when asked if current EU President Britain had suggested any plan to change farm policy.

France, by far the largest beneficiary of CAP spending, regards a deal reached in 2002 between EU leaders — though hatched by Paris and Berlin — on preserving the level of farm spending as untouchable, refusing to consider subsidy cuts. Under the deal, the spending limits on CAP market measures, such as subsidies, were fixed for the next 2007-2013 financing period, with a small leeway for inflation. Farm spending eats up more than 40 per cent of the centralized EU budget. — MNA/Reuters

Two US soldiers, one civilian wounded as double explosions rattle S Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Sept — Two American soldiers were injured as two bombs went off Tuesday in Afghan southern province of Kandahar, former stronghold of Taliban, a police officer confirmed.

"A roadside bomb attack on US military convoy in Hazratia area of Kandahar today injured two soldiers and one civilian," police officer Abdul Rahim Anwar told Xinhua.

Two US soldiers were injured in the explosion and sent to the nearby base at once for treatment, and now they have been recovered and gone back to duty," spokesperson of Coalition Cindy Moor told Xinhua.

Another explosion shocked Khostmushak area in the province when a motorist targeted a police post by hand grenade leaving no casualties, the police officer added.

The man behind the incident had been arrested, he added. However, no group or individual has claimed responsibility for the two attacks.

Angry women sue NY doctor for online dating lies

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — A Manhattan fertility specialist has been sued by two women who say he broke their hearts after meeting them through an online dating site on which he pretended to be single.

In their lawsuits the two women, Tiffany Wang and Jing Huang, accused Dr Khaled Zeitoon, 46, of pretending to be single and using mind games to entice them into sexual relationships with tales of past lives.

According to court papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court and made public this week, Zeitoon is married with three children. Wang said she met him in March 2001 through a Web site on which he said he was single and had never married.

"Zeitoon claimed he and Wang had been married to each other in previous lives," Wang's lawsuit said, adding that the doctor told her he had mistrusted her in that life and "searched for her in this lifetime to correct his past mistakes".

Wang says that in May 2002, he asked her to marry him but only proposed "to see the look of joy on her face".

In a separate suit filed earlier this year, Huang said she met the reproductive endocrinologist in October 2003 through an online dating service. He fed her a similar line about being single and having been married to her in a previous life.

Huang eventually realized he was cheating on her and the relationship ended in July 2004.

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"Brokeback Mountain" wins Venice Golden Lion

VENICE, 12 Sept — Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain", won Venice's Golden Lion on Saturday, beating film festival favourite George Clooney in the race to take the top prize.

The latest film by the director of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is adapted from a short story by Annie Proulx and stars Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as love-struck cowboys whose forbidden affair begins in 1963 and ends 20 years later.

Lee describes "Brokeback Mountain" as a story of love against adversity. Independent and low-budget, like several US entries at the festival, it was filmed in Canada to save money.

Critics had predicted Clooney's black-and-white McCarthy-era tale of broadcasting courage, "Good Night. And, Good Luck", would win the Golden Lion, beating the 19 other films in the main competition.

Clooney, adored in Venice, did not go home empty-handed, winning an award for best screenplay while his star David Strathairn won the best actor prize for his intense portrayal of journalist Edward R Murrow.

Italy also took home a consolation prize thanks to Giovanna Mezzogiorno winning the best actress award for her role in Cristina Comencini's "La Bestia nel Cuore" ("Don't Tell"), moving tale of adult siblings scarred by child abuse. She beat France's Isabelle Huppert, a frontrunner for her role in the emotionally intense "Gabrielle", and Gwyneth Paltrow, a contender for her performance as the daughter of a mentally unstable mathematician in John Madden's "Proof".

Huppert was instead given a special Lion for her "outstanding contribution to cinema".

US director Abel Ferrara won the Jury Grand Prix for "Mary", starring Juliette Binoche as an actress haunted by the figure of Mary Magdalen after having played her on screen.

France's Philippe Garrel won the Silver Lion prize for best director with his "Les Amants reguliers" ("Regular Lovers"), an austere story of love in bohemian Paris after the May 1968 riots.

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Survivors of Peru crash sue Boeing

LIMA (Peru), 12 Sept — A US family who suffered a plane crash that killed 40 people in Peru last month is planning to sue plane maker Boeing for unspecified damages, alleging a design fault, their lawyer said on Saturday.

Manuel von Ribbeck of the Nolan Law Group, representing the Vivas family of New York State, told CNN radio the suit would be filed next week in Chicago, home of the world's top plane maker. He declined to discuss how much the Vivas family was seeking in damages.

"We were not isolated before and we are not now," she told a news conference ending a two-day informal meeting of

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US astronaut William McArthur, Russian cosmonaut Valery Tokarev and US space tourist Gregory Olsen sit in front of a Soyuz replica spaceship and answer reporters' questions ahead of their last day of examinations at the training centre in Star City near Moscow on 12 September, 2005. Olsen, McArthur and Tokarev are due to blast off to the International Space Station from Baikonur cosmodrome in October. —INTERNET

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**EU working on issue of Premier League TV rights**

*Brussels, 13 Sept— The European Commission is working closely with British agencies to help force England’s Premier League to share television rights to top soccer matches with more than one broadcaster, those involved said on Monday. The change would mean that satellite broadcaster BSkyB would no longer have exclusive rights to live television football coverage.

**Portuguese Government bristles at threat from FIFA**

*Lisbon, 13 Sept— Portugal’s sports secretary Laurentino Dias said on Monday that world soccer’s governing body FIFA give his country orders. FIFA president Sepp Blatter had said over the weekend that the world body could take action against Greece, Poland and Portugal unless their governments changed domestic laws to make them compatible with FIFA statutes.

FIFA doping plans look unlikely to appease WADA

*Marrakech (Morocco), 13 Sept— FIFA and WADA seem no nearer resolving their differences despite FIFA president Sepp Blatter’s insistence on Monday that soccer’s governing body was leading the fight against doping in world sport.

Blatter told delegates at FIFA’s 55th Congress that FIFA had revised its statutes and dropped its insistence on a six-month ban for first offenders to bring FIFA into line with the World Anti-Doping Agency’s code of sanctions for doping offenders.

However, although FIFA publicly signed a declaration of intent to fully endorse WADA’s code in Paris last year, the sticking point remains WADA’s insistence that a two-year ban must be imposed on first offenders and FIFA have not yet signed on WADA’s dotted line.

Until FIFA agrees to that, which seems unlikely, the two Swiss-based organizations will almost certainly end up facing each other at the Court for Arbitration in Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

**Italy’s Serie A match reports**

*Milan, 13 Sept— Brief reports of Cagliari 1 — Lazio 1 Cagliari took the lead through their centre-back Marco Cassetti in the opening minute whose clinical finish from inside the area beat Angelo Peruzzi, but some poor defending allowed Lazio to draw level with a header from Sebastiano Siviglia.

Neither side shone after the break and Cagliari were forced to play with 10 men for the final 12 minutes after their Uruguayan defender Diego Lopez was sent off.

Chievo Verona 1 — Parma 0 Disappointment for Parma coach Mario Beretta, who was sacked by Chievo last season, as his side failed to impress and fell to a Davide Mandelli header in the 11th minute. Mandelli headed home from close range a Federico Giunti free kick and from then on Chievo had a firm grip on the match with Parma creating few problems.

Lecce 0 — Ascoli 0 Second point of the season for promoted Ascoli after their opening day draw with Milan, but it was against the odds after they had Vittorio Tosto sent off 10 minutes before the break.

Lecce had the better chances in the second half although Marco Ferrante was unable to make the most of a rare good chance for the visitors.

Messina 2 — Fiorentina 2 After scoring on the opening day of the season and then hitting a hat-trick...
USDA CEC member inspects regional development...

Later, the minister inspected tasks to upgrade BEPS in Yampho Village, Taninthayi Township and construction of Taninthayi Division USDA’s Office in Myeik and attended to the needs. On arrival at Myeik District USDA’s Office in Seiknge Ward, Myeik, the minister met with the secretaries of USDA at different levels and CEC members and urged them to actively participate in nation-building endeavours. At the office of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department, the minister met fisheries entrepreneurs and gave instructions on fisheries matters. On 11 September morning, the minister arrived at Zayatseik Kyaungtaik in Zayatseik Village-tract, Palaw Township where he paid homage and presented offerings to the Presiding Sayadaw of the Kyaungtaik. At the Dhammayazin of the Kyaungtaik, the minister met USDA members of the Village-tract, social organizations and local people and stressed the need to contribute their shares in regional development tasks and drive for development of socio-economic life of USDA members. Next, the minister arrived at the Yadana Hall in Palaw and met with departmental officials, USDA members, social organizations and local people and touched on progress of implementation of the seven-point Road Map and work being carried out to bring about equitable development throughout the nation.

Afterwards, the minister attended the opening ceremony of the new USDA Office in Palaw, Myeik District and formally opened the office by cutting a ribbon.

At the meeting hall of Palaw Township Government Administration Department, the minister met departmental officials, members of social organizations, USDA members, town elders and called on USDA members to lend themselves to the tasks of regional development. Next, the minister accepted over 800 membership applications of the Township.

After that, the minister arrived at sea prawn breeding station of Bindin Co Ltd in Thepon Village and inspected prawn breeding ponds and work being carried out there. — APA

Lin, Fu-Fa (ဗားဖုရား) Age (65) Years (Wakema)

Lin, Fu-Fa, son of (U Chain Whay-Daw Kyn Shwe), son-in-law of (U Hla Hun-Daw Bi), belovved husband of Daw Khin Saw Oo of No 10, third floor, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township and No 288, Sixth (west) Ward, Zingama Road, Thaketa Township, father of Lin Lai Yu (a) Maung Naing Ow-Dw Yan Won (a) Ma Yin Yin San, Lin Lai Hui (a) Maung Phyo Tha Soe Ma Thein Gi Swe, grandfather of 4 passed away on 12th September 2005. The cremation will take place at Yayaw Cemetery at 3 pm on Wednesday (14-9-2005).

Bereaved family

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WEATHER

Tuesday, 13th September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Shan and Kayin States, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (3.11) inches, Myeik (2.72) inches, Myimun (2.17) inches, Loikaw (2.13) inches, Mawlaik (2.09) inches, Pyinmana (1.89) inches, Co Co Island (1.66) inches, and Chaung (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2005 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-9-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 13-9-2005 was (0.8) hr approx. Rainfalls on 13-9-2005 were (0.20) inch at Mingaladon (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.94) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2005 were (76.89) inches at Mingaladon, (90.35) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6)mph from South at (1005) hours MST on 12-9-2005. Bay inference: Yesterday’s low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining North West Bay of Bengal has intensified into a depression and has crossed the Orissa Coast of India by last night. According to the observation at (6:30) hrs MST today, the depression has weakened and become insignificant. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Special feature: According the observation at (6:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression South China Sea is centred about (260) miles South-east of Danang (Vietnam). It is forecast to move Westward slowly. Forecast valid until evening of 14-9-2005: Rain or thunder-showers will be isolated in Kachin and Shan States, scattered in Kayah State, Sagaing, Mandalay, and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is 80%. State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Lower Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-9-2005: Some rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is 80%.
Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Kachin State has prospects to run rubber farming on commercial scale
Rubber to be grown across nation and in areas where paddy does not thrive

YANGON, 13 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 11 September met with departmental officials in Kachin State and members of the supervisory committee for agriculture and gave instructions on agricultural tasks and regional development tasks.

When he arrived at Myitkyina Airport on 11 September morning, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Airbase Brig-Gen Zaw Tun, senior military officers and officials welcomed Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

At the meeting held at the City Hall at Myitkyina, Kachin State, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint reported on regional development and land utilization in Kachin State. In his report, he said out of Kachin State’s target of 470,000 acres of monsoon paddy, so far 412,241 acres have been cultivated and arrangements have been made to grow 600,000 acres of paddy as part of an extended cultivation. A total of 15,010 acres of summer paddy have been cultivated and 10 major crops will also be grown at the end of the monsoon season.

As part of an effort to exceed the regional food sufficiency, 1000 acres have been reclaimed and 924 have been put under monsoon paddy in Naungmi region in Kachin State.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets rubber growers at the rubber research farm in Naungnan Village, Myitkyina township. — MNA

Teacherness course on reproductive health opens

YANGON, 13 Sept — Teacherness course on reproductive health (2/2005), organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was opened at the office of MMCWA in South Oakkalapa Township this morning.

Present at the opening ceremony were MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Huy and members, Health Department Director General Dr Tin Win Maung and officials and guests. First, Daw Khin Khin Win gave an opening speech.

Dr Tin Win Maung explained the purpose of the opening of the course and UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Daniel B Baker explained facts about the course.

Next, President Daw Khin Khin Win handed over the funds for the six projected towns for holding educative talks to Daw Khin Thet Huy.

The course is being attended by 30 trainees from various townships in Yangon Division. — MNA

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Now is the time when the National Convention, the very first and most important stage of the seven-point policy programme for the emergence of a democratic nation, is being translated into action. At such a time like this, the onus is on all of us to lend ourselves to the process of building a new nation.

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